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WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, MAY 14.

Action at Last.

At last the Administration has been

compelled to assume a positive atti-

tude on the Cuban question, and the day

of our national dishonor draws to a close.

The brave and vigorous persistence of

Senator Morgan has been successful in

discussing the fact that the detailed ac-

counts of the starvation of Americans in

Cuba by the orders of the Spanish Captain-

General, and the horrible atrocities other-

wise perpetrated by that fiend, published

from day to day in the columns of The

Times and other well informed newspapers,

have been not only true, but half the

terrible truth. The further and signifi-

cant fact is developed that the State De-

partment, for over three weeks, has been

fully and officially informed of the per-

secution and starvation of Americans, and

has done nothing for their relief. On the

contrary, it has made every effort to suppress

the truth. Now, when the crisis has been

reached, and the tidal wave of national

indignation has acquired irresistible force,

the Administration will act, and let us

hope will act in a manner to redeem itself,

as far as may be, in the eyes of a justly

incensed and outraged people.

For two months, and every day of that

time, The Times, exclusively among Wash-

ington papers, has presented the truth

with regard to affairs in Cuba. It daily

has offered to its readers accounts of

such blood-curdling atrocities perpetrated,

under the inspiration and direct orders

of the hyena, Weyler, as would have been

unfit to print, were it not that the American

people had a right to know what was going

on at their doors, especially in view of

the fact that their Government knew all

about it, and was deliberately hiding the

facts. Day by day we have pleaded with

the President and the influences sur-

rounding him, to sink personal considera-

tions of gain or subterfuge to the moneyed

interest that has imposed this disgraceful

policy, and to take an American and a

patriotic stand in defense of liberty,

humanity, and outraged womanhood. In

that earnest and often apparently hope-

less effort, we have had absolutely no

aid or co-operation from the remaining

local press, and only in a few instances

from newspapers published outside of the

Capital. Now that the crusade has been

crowned with success, and the condition

of the Spanish treasury has crippled the

journalistic influence of the Spanish le-

gal press, we confidently expect to see our

Washington contemporaries come out boldly

for "Cuba Libre." A late repentance is

better than none.

Senator Gallinger has introduced a res-

olution appropriating fifty thousand dollars

for the relief of Americans who are being

starved to death by Spanish cruelty. It

will go through the Senate like wildfire.

Mr. Reed may try to block it in the House,

but he will discover that it were best not

to do anything of the kind. Constitu-

encies are everywhere aroused, and mem-

bers will be forced to do what most of them

long to do in this connection, whether they

happen to be Republicans, Democrats or

Populists.

A message is expected from the Pres-

ident, which ought to have been sent in

long ago, asking for an appropriation for

starving Americans. Senator Gallinger's

action may render that superfluous. The

suppressed consular reports have been re-

luctantly given to the Committee on For-

eign Affairs, under the seal of secrecy.

That seal may or may not be removed on

civilized people similarly circumstanced.

What are we to expect from a hoard of

barbarian, bloodthirsty fanatics, flushed

with victory over their ancient enemy,

the Greeks?

The Sultan demands everything in sight.

Lord Salisbury tries to convey the im-

pression that his government will resist

any punishment for Greece outside of

evacuation of Crete and a small indemnity.

Almost in the same breath he admits that

"our instructions to our representatives

have been to join in any procedure enter-

ing upon mediation which is acceptable

to the other governments." The Lord

help poor Greece, with only such friends as

England!

It is greatly to be deplored that Eu-

ropean sentiment has undergone a radical

change since recent disclosures of Greek

cowardice in the field. It seems probable

that the only fighting of any account done

on that side in Epirus, was done by the

Greeks, or irregular mountaineers. The

regular forces do not appear to have at-

tempted anything except to run at the

first sight of the Turks. Charges of in-

competence and cowardice multiply against

Crown Prince Constantine, and, making due

allowance for some outside dynastic motive

for spreading such reports, it is to be

feared that they are not without truth.

The only bright spot in the whole history

of the Greek campaign is the series of

gallant fights made by Gen. Skoulouf,

who, it may be suspected from his name,

is not a Greek, but probably a Polish ad-

miral of fortune. So, to sum it up, Greece

has lost much of the popular sympathy

with which she started out, and the game

of her enemies is rendered the easier.

That game involves features of such dire

humiliation and destruction of prestige

to England that we should look upon a

general European war as certain, if any-

thing could drive Great Britain to hostile

action. But that power has ceased to be

warlike, except as regards half-civilized or

small and weak nations. The British sword

has been forged over into a stock ticker,

and the British fieldpiece has been recast

into a safety deposit box. There is no

more fight.

Mr. Simpson.

It occurs to us to record the fact that

the bravest, most resourceful and by far

most patriotic man whom this Congress

has developed in the House of Representa-

tives is the Hon. Jerry Simpson, of Kan-

sas. He alone of all the Populists, Demo-

crats and Republicans on the floor has the

courage of the righteous conviction com-

mon to all that the House was elected to

do the people's will, and not that of the

revolutionary and thoroughly dangerous

individual whom the Republicans have

placed in the chair.

All honor, then, to Jerry Simpson. More

power to his voice, his determination and

his strong right arm.

The People's Rising Wrath.

The legislature of Utah has memorialized

the Congress of the United States, urging

action to secure the intervention of the

Government in Cuba. The memorial is

brief, but it is very much to the point.

It recites that "the people of these

United States pause in their praises to

God for liberty bestowed, and shudder to

hear the unheeded cries for help wafted

from the picture of rapine and murder en-

acted under the guise of war in Cuba." It asserts

the "right and power of the United States

to protect its citizens," and the further

right to protect the weak against the

unjust aggressions of the strong on this

continent," and concludes:

"Therefore, be it resolved by the governor

and Congress of the State of Utah, that

the Congress of the United States is hereby

memorialized to exercise all the power

necessary, even to a declaration of war,

to protect the lives and interests of American

citizens in Cuba, and to stop the

lucrative of men, women and children, and

the further exhibition of the carnival of

blood now being enacted on that island."

This is an illustration of the way in

which the indignant sentiment of the

American people is being crystallized every-

where. The movement is fast growing to

irresistible proportions. We do not think

that President McKinley realizes its

strength, or the personal feeling, with

regard to himself, which is showing it-

self in every State and county, and with-

out any reference to political lines. On

this question he has thus far shown a

lack of perception regarding the views

and determination of the people at large,

which in a man of his intellect and ex-

perience is simply incomprehensible. It

was his business to know that, when he

assumed office, the people, who had been

watching the dastardly Cuban policy of

his predecessor with grief and rage,

expected an immediate change, and that he

would declare himself and Government

the champions of liberty and humanity.

By securing the release of some,

mercy. In all respect and friendliness, we

exhort him to this; for, if things go on

in the present way much longer, one day

he suddenly will wake from his lethargy to

find himself the worst hated man in the

Union.

Again it is asserted that an armistice

has been arranged between the Greeks and

Turks. Late dispatches this morning may

corroborate this, but it is more likely that

we shall hear of an attack on Demokos.

The Senate owes it to itself either to

show that the newspaper correspondents

erred in alleging that certain Senators

speculated in sugar stock at the time when

the tariff bill was about to be reported, or

else Senators ought to stop going into details

like that. Why cannot people keep things

quiet and avoid scandal?

Mr. Henry O. Havemyer, president of the

sugar trust, is to be arraigned for trial on

Monday. It seems a pity that this em-

barassment to the Administration could

not be avoided, at least "until after the

passage of the tariff bill."

President McKinley ought not to do things

by halves. Current Spanish rage at Gen.

Fitzhugh Lee presents a condition which

Secretary Long should be told to see about

immediately.

As a foil to more serious proceedings at

the opposite end of the Capitol, yesterday

the House of Reed resolved itself into a

hot and maddening mixture of the nature

of "Tom and Jerry."

Some of the English friends of Mr. Wil-

liam Waldorf Astor doubted his assertion

that forty people could be seated around a

horizontal section of a California red-

wood; whereupon Mr. Astor imported a

nineteen-ton chunk of redwood, and showed

it to them. That is the sort of proof that

English people can thoroughly appreciate.

Poor Brooklyn is beginning to feel as if

this Greater New York business was a

sort of fad-dog-tail.

The question now before the country is,

whether Mr. McKinley has misled the box

of personal pronouns belonging to the

Executive Mansion or whether Mr. Cleve-

land abstracted them when he left.

Now that the warm summer days are

coming on, why wouldn't it be a fine

thing for the coal trust to combine with

the ice trust, and catch 'em going and

coming?

If there were any way of knowing when

Mr. Bayard arrives in this country, some of

his Anglophobic friends might give him

a dinner to make him feel at home.

Gov. Plingree has vetoed the anti-cigar-

ette bill. This does not indicate that Gov.

Plingree approves of cigarettes; far from it.

But the bill provided for the fining or im-

prisonment of the youths who smoked them;

and it was his opinion that if anybody

ought to be fined it was the man who sold

the articles. This is probably true. Boys

don't trouble themselves about a fine that

their fathers have to pay, but a man with

a business on his hands does not care so

much about dodging the law.

It is to be hoped that that shipload of

grain which we are supposed to be sending

to India will arrive while there are still

some inhabitants left unstarved.

SUSPECTED OF BANK ROBBERY.

The Remarkable Charge Made

Against a Physician.

Chicago, May 13.—Dr. W. P. Mitchell, a

physician of Spring Grove, Wis., is locked

up at the central police station on suspicion

of having robbed a bank in that city last

September. He was arrested as he alighted

from a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul

train.

When the detectives made their business

known, Dr. Mitchell trembled and said he

was still retained at Fort An-